

THEY ARE A QUEER PAIR.

A Story From Butte which Reveals the Nature of Two New York Cranks.

Partners in Business and Related by Marriage Who Never Speak to Each Other.

The Cause of the Trouble a Mystery, Some Saying it was a Woman and Other Apples.

The recently published story from Butte, Mont., to the effect that a duel to the death with bowie knives had been fought between John Ballard and Ezra Eastwood, and that both men were residents of Putnam county, brought a reporter to this place, says a Brewster, N. Y., letter. The names are well known here, and though the dispatch was a hoax it was evidently intended to refer to George Ballard, not to John Ballard, and to Ezra Eastwood, the nephew of George Ballard, and his partner in the cider business.

The strange relations that have existed between these men for years have perhaps given the western romancer his cue for the story of the duel, but how it was learned in far-off Montana of even the existence of the Ballards and Eastwoods, and inferentially the peculiar circumstances surrounding their business career, no one hereabouts could imagine. Nothing but these peculiar circumstances could have suggested such an ingenious invention. Neither man has been away from home at all, and therefore neither man was engaged in a duel in Montana.

George Ballard and Ezra Eastwood, relatives by marriage though they are, and coming in daily and constant contact as partners, have not spoken to each other for five years. No matter how absolute the necessity for communication, it has always been carried on through a third person. They sit next to each other in church and often ride beside each other in a wagon, but never a word does either man utter to the other. It is popularly supposed here in Brewster that if Ballard saw his nephew in front of a flying railroad train he might push or pull him off the tracks, but he wouldn't open his mouth to warn him of his danger, and Eastwood would probably act likewise under like circumstances.

This peculiarity seems to run through both families, which have intermarried for generations. The present Eastwood family is an unusually large one. Seventeen children were born by one mother, and of these fourteen were living. Among the boys—or young men, they are now—are Ed and Platt Eastwood, younger brothers of Ezra. They have worked in the field together for weeks at a time without speaking to each other, though drinking from the same tin cup, eating at the same table and wearing at intervals the same clothes.

Between Uncle George Ballard and Ezra Eastwood there has not been a syllable spoken in all the time mentioned, and there has not been a single day in all that five years that they have not been together for hours at a time. Their articles of co-partnership have been renewed yearly in silence. The division of the profits derived from squeezing the juice from Putnam county pippins has been made without a word being exchanged. More than this, there has not been so much as a gesture or a friendly glance between them. Each ignored the existence of the other absolutely. If George dumped a bushel of apples into the mill and started it going, and Ezra thought the mill ought to stop, he would stop it without a word. If George wanted to start up again he would start, and that would be the end of it.

At times, during the cider season, it would become absolutely necessary, in order to avoid working at cross-purposes, for one partner to inform the other of an intention. In these cases the medium of communication would be one of the younger Eastwoods, a boy about 8 years of age. The youngster understood thoroughly the relations between uncle and nephew and the dislike one had to mention the other's name, and he governed his speech accordingly.

Should Uncle John say: "John Smith wants forty gallon of that air smut cider inside of twenty gallon," the message would be conveyed in that form to Ezra, although Ezra might have taken the twenty-gallon order.

Should Uncle George say: "I'm going to town with the gray mare to-day," the juvenile go-between would transcribe the sentence and say to Ezra: "You can't go to town on the gray mare to-day, Ezra," and Ezra would understand perfectly what was intended to be conveyed.

About a year ago the partners attended a horse sale 12 miles from Brewster. They geared up their own horse together and got on the seat of the wagon together. Ezra took the lines. He drove for three hours without opening his mouth more than to say "kickup." Arrived at the country store, uncle and nephew alighted and leisurely examined the horse-flesh offered for sale. Ezra peered into the mouth and Uncle George inspected the feet, and when an animal was found that seemed to be to their mutual liking—for, strangely enough, they never seemed to disagree—Uncle George pulled out his buckskin bag and paid the horse dealer his price. The end of the halter strap was unfastened to the tail end of the wagon, and uncle and nephew started for home.

Not long ago there was a fight between the Eastwood boys and a crowd of the village lads in front of the hotel. The Eastwood boys were overmatched and were getting the worst of it. Ballard was on the sidewalk when the scrimmage began, and when he saw how things were going to be dashed to the assistance of his kinsmen and soon put the enemy to flight.

These queer characters live within a stone's throw of each other, just off the Milltown road and about four miles from the railroad station at Brewster. Ballard is a man of strongly marked features, has an easy, swinging gait, and is noted for his ability to whip any man in his part of the county. He is about 45 years of age, weighs 180 pounds, is rugged and raw-boned and wears his brown curly hair so long that it sweeps his collar. He is married and the father of several children.

Ezra Eastwood is between 34 and 37. He is not a big man as his partner and uncle, and will not weigh much more than 140 pounds. He is of a quiet, retiring disposition, but very stubborn, like the rest of his family. He, too, is a married man, and has a brood of three.

The cause for this long-maintained silence is uncertain, and is a favorite theme for speculation among the villagers. The majority of them appear to believe that it was caused by a disagreement some time ago between the wives of the two men, and that their method of getting even was simply to follow out. He is noted for his ability to whip any man in his part of the county. He is about 45 years of age, weighs 180 pounds, is rugged and raw-boned and wears his brown curly hair so long that it sweeps his collar. He is married and the father of several children.

Probably the only other known case of non-communication between business partners lasting for so long is that of Journey and Burnham, the Brooklyn merchants, who did not speak to each other for four years. The silence was broken, however, when one of the partners married one of his sales girls.

FORT ASSINABOINE NOTES.

How the Boys Got Their Toddy-Companies Changing Stations.

FORT ASSINABOINE, Oct. 17.—[Special.]—The order issued from army headquarters prohibiting post traders from selling beer and wines has worked wonders here. The saloon is closed and there is no public place where one can obtain a drink of any kind. Although the order is strictly complied with by the post trader, upon whom it directly bears, yet there is plenty of whisky brought into the post by private individuals. If the boys cannot obtain their coffin varnish in one way why they will in another. The liquor traffic between this post and Benton has assumed immense proportions. There has been no move by the authorities at this post to prevent whisky being put off at the depot. A telegram in the morning brings at night a keg, the trouble attending the scheme being very slight.

There will soon take place an interchange of stations between F and G companies of the Twentieth infantry, F company going to Camp Poplar river and G now stationed at Poplar coming here. Colonel and Mrs. Otis are east, having been called away on account of the sickness of a relative. Capt. Rucker, Ninth cavalry, arrived today, bringing forty-six recruits for the cavalry.

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LAND NOTICES.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT HELENA, MONT.,

September 30, 1889.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before register and receiver of Helena, Mont., on November 2, 1889, viz: Cyrus Clapp, who made D. S. No. 5684, C. E. 205 for the sw¹/₄, nw¹/₄, and ne¹/₄, sw¹/₄, sec. 13 and n¹/₂ sw¹/₄, sec. 14, tp. 17 n. r. 1 w.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Edwin L. Jones, of Chestnut, Mont.; Charles M. Spaulding, of St. Clair, Mont.; Thomas L. Gorham, of St. Clair, Mont.; John A. Harris, of Chestnut, Mont.

S. W. LANGHORN, Register.

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NOTICE.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,

HELENA, MONT., Sept. 18, 1889.

(COMPLAINT HAVING BEEN ENTERED AT this office by Robert A. Day against Viola D. Hoyt and heirs for abandoning her homestead entry No. 3508, dated May 21, 1888, upon the sw¹/₄ section 28, township 10, north range 1 west, in Lewis and Clark county, Montana, with a view to the cancellation of said entry, the parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 30th day of October, 1889, at 10 o'clock a. m. to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.)

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